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FROM: BONN

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ACTION: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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SENT DEPARTMENT 3909, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 653, PARIS 892.

~~GERMAN PRESS~~ TODAY AGAIN HEADLINES STORIES OF SEVEN "NAZI PLOTTERS" ARRESTED BY BRITISH. (WORDS "PLOT" AND "PLOTTERS" ARE PLACED IN QUOTATION MARKS IN MOST PAPERS.) BRITISH STATEMENT THAT GROUP "WAS TOO CLEVER" TO HAVE LARGER ORGANIZATION OR HAVE "UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT" AT ITS DISPOSAL WAS TOP-PLAYED, AS WAS CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT THAT HE WAS MERELY INFORMED, NOT (REPEAT NOT) CONSULTED AND HAD NOT (REPEAT NOT) CONSENTED TO ACTION. MAIN COMMENT CONTINUES TO BE THAT IMPORTANCE OF GROUP DOES NOT (REPEAT NOT) SEEM TO JUSTIFY EXTREME ACTION BRITISH ACTION. ARTICLE FROM FRANKFURTER ALGEMEINE SUMMARIZED BELOW WAS REPRESENTATIVE THIS LINE GERMAN PRESS:

"COALITION CIRCLES REGRET EXCEEDINGLY, THAT THIS ACTION WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH PLANS OF A SMALL GROUP, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO A WAVE OF NEW SUSPICIONS AGAINST GERMAN DEMOCRACY AND ITS CAPACITY. ONE ASKS WHY, AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT, AND ACTION WAS UNDERTAKEN WHOSE FOREIGN POLICY EFFECTS MUST CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN FORESEEN BY ALL CONCERNED. IN ANY CASE IT IS EMPHASIZED IN BONN THAT ONLY A VERY LIMITED INCIDENT IS INVOLVED, EVEN ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH PRESENTATION OF IT".

EDITORIAL IN WELT ALSO MAKES REPRESENTATIVE COMMENT:

"TO BE SURE, NAUMANN AFFAIR IS ONLY ONE IN WHOLE ROW OF SYMPTOMS. THERE WAS NOTIFICATION THAT WE MUST GET ALONG WITHOUT AMERICAN HELP. THEN WE WERE REMINDED THAT LIMITATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN OCCUPATION STATUTE CONTINUED TO BE VALID...ONE MIGHT ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A PEDAGOGICAL

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INTENTION TO MAKE CLEAR TO US THAT GENERAL CONTRACT WITH ALL
ITS WEAKNESSES IS NEVERTHELESS TO BE PREFERRED TO PRESENT
SITUATION OF THINGS".

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